ALARM AND PANIC IN TAFT CAMP AFTER SMASHING DEFEATS

Shouting to Keep Up Courage, Managers Going After the South.

On every hand in Washington today there were evidences of alarm and panic in the Taft camp over the results of the succession of smashing defeats for the President last week, especially in Illinois and Pennsylvania.

Shouting to keep up their courage, and declaring they are not yet defeated, the Taft managers are desperately trying to keep the South from going headlong to Roosevelt; to keep Ohio, the home State of the President, from dealing him a blow that will be even more humiliating than the one administered by Illinois and Pennsylvania, and to prevent heavy losse selsewhere.

Chairman McKinley of the Taft campaign management realizes that the tide has set against his candidate and that the efforts to save the President from being swamped are wellnigh hopeless.

The most desperate efforts are planned to save him. S. O. S. calls for help are being sent out to every quarter. Meantime, a lot of the slen-derly held Taft following is becoming convinced the ship is going down and is getting seady to take to the life-boats.

Leaders In Panic.

The state of mind of the Taft leaders over the South is literally one of panic. This panic is intensified by the fact that Colonel Roosevelt is going to make a campaign in the South. He is going there personally, where he is known and liked, and where he is no less popular than he is in the West and North. It is easy to imagine what will hap-

pen. With the Southern delegates gone from him, the President will have no more show of nomination than if he from him, the President will have no more show of nomination than if he had never entered the race.

That all the herculean efforts of the Taft Administration to force, through use of Federal parronage and by other methods, the selection of Taft delegates in the South, would come practically to nothing because of the moral effect of the tremendous slumps in Illinois and Pennsylvania, was asserted today by the Roosevelt leaders. They said that the visit of Colonel Roosevelt to the South would clinch a victory that was already practically gained.

Colonel Roosevelt is now heading for Nebraska, where the Presidential primarles are to be held April 19. In spite of the fact the progressive strength there is a split between Roosevelt and La Follette, the indications point to the fact President Taft will get a small vote in that State.

Crisis Is Reached.

Crisis Is Reached. Even the close friends of the President are admitting today that a crisis has been reached in his political for-They do not conceal, in fact, cannot, that at no time since the campaign opened has the outlook for him seemed so black. In the public statements put out by Chairman McKinley there is an assumption of courage and an insistance that President Taft will be nominated anyhow. Such assertions, however, belie the numerous evidences of gloom and panic to be seen about Taft headquarters and in the Taft camp. The latest returns from Pennsylvania bear out the earlier news as to the

to exceed nine delegates out of the seventy-six in the State. In fact, there is good reason to believe he will not get over six and that Colonel Roosevelt will have seventy out of the seventy-six delegates.

Of great national importance, too, is the fact that the completed returns shows the smashing blow struck at the Penrose machine. Senator Penrose has been repudiated and probably will be driven out of the Senate. Indications this morning were that that eminent reactionary, Congressman John Dalzell, had been beaten for renomination in his district.

Senator Dixon, manager of the exceed delegates out

his district:
Senator Dixon, manager of the Roosevelt campaign, renewed his declarations today that the result in Pennsylvania had settled the fight and that Roosevelt would be triumphantly nominated and elected.

Among the Taft leaders, it was said that the hardest kind of work would be undertaken in Nebraska and Massachusetts.

Roosevelt Itinerary.

The details of the swing of Coionel Roosevelt into the South were given out this morning by Senator Dixon. Colcuel Roosevelt starts on his trin West today, and will speak in Nebraska two days, and will speak in Nebraska two
days, Wednesday and Thursday. He
will speak in Omaha and Lincoln,
among other places. He will then go
to Fansas, speak at Wichita Thursday
night, end probably at other boints,
and then will swing into the South.

Little Rock, Ark, will be one of the
most important stops on the trip. Colonel Roosevelt is promised a big meeting there. Roosevelt sentiment in the
State is strong. From Arkansas Colonel Roosevelt will head for North
Carolina, poing through Alabama and
Georgia. After speeches in North Carolina, he will return home.

Congressman Wilson of Illinois will
travel with Colonel Roosevelt and be
in charge of the trip. Mr. Wilson
talked wats Senator Dixon this morning about final details of the swing
into the West and South.

The advices from Arkansas are so reassuring to the Roosevelt management
that they expect to make a strong
showing theres in spite of the Powell
Claytop machine.

So far as North Carolina is concerned,
that State is hopelessiy lop-sided for
Roosevelt. The talk about there being
a division of delegates in North Carolina between the Roosevelt and Tatt
forces, Senator Dixon characterized this
morning as ridiculous. He said the Associated Press had carried such a story,
which he declared was absurd on its days, Wednesday and Thursday. He sociated Press had carried such a story which he declared was absurd on its

In North Carolina.

"North Carolins," said he, "is the Frongest Rooseveltil State on the Union. Out of fifteen counties that have voted, we have 1973-5 delegates and the Taft forces have 22-5. The other fellows have nothing worth mentioning and how

have nothing worth mentioning and how could there be a division?"

The fact the South is ready to break from President Taft is confirmed in various ways. Not the least significant of these is the numerous letters coming into the office of Senator Dixon from delegates in the South supposed to be instructed for Taft. These delegates are saying they are not for Taft, that they were deceived by the McKinley management, who told them Roosevelt would not run, and that they do not consider themselves bound by their so-called instructions. A score of delegates from the South have written Senator Dixon to this effect and assuring him they will vote for Roosevelt at Chicago.

Chicago.

"We've got 'em whinped to a finish,"
declared Senator Dixon today as he
scanned some of the letters and telegrams on his desk.

The latest returns Senator Dixon har
from Pennsylvania show that 70 of the
76 delegates from the State are for
Recesevelt. Three of the delegates sup-

posed to be for Taft have gone over to Roosevelt, and pledged support to him, Senator Dixon was advised today. This brings the total up to 70.

Getting on Band Wagon. Many evidences are accumulating that the band wagon movement away from Taft and to Roosevelt has begun. and that it will soon assume the proportions of a tremendous sweep to Roosevelt which will drown out even the talk of compromise which some of the anti-Roosevelt people have been indulging in, seeing that the Taft cause

vas hopeless. Word came today from Illinois that Roosevelt leaders in Chairman McKinley's home town. Champaign, had assumed charge of thinks, and taken over control formerly exercised by McKin-lely. This points the fact McKinley himselfill is likelyl to be crushed com-pletely in the Hilmols uprising against the President and against Lorimer, who, with his Lincolni League, has been sup-porting the Bresident.

Taft Won Only Nine Delegates in Penn State on Saturday

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 15.-While returns from Saturday's State-wide Presidential preference primary were still incomplete today, it was assured that President Taft won only nine dele-gates—seven in Philadelphia and two in The remaining sixty-seven, including

the remaining sixty-seven, including the twelve delegates to be elected by the Republican State convention, will be for Roosevelt.

The Penrose-Oliver organization received a severe blow in every quarter of the State, Oliver especially getting a crushing defeat in the western section

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John Daizell, "champion of protection," who has been in Congress for twenty-six years, was retired to private life by M. Clyde Kelly.

Delegates Arrive for **New Haven Convention**

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 15 .- Th dvance guard of delegates arrived in New Haven today to attend the Republican State convention, which will elect the delegates-at-large to the national convention at Chicago. The State convention will meet here tomorrow, and will remain in session two days.

The Taft supporters claim that the President will have a walk-over in the convention. The Roosevelt men are making no definite claims, but it is known that, with National Committeeman Charles F. Brooker and several other prominent leaders manifesting only a lukewarm support of the Presi-dent, the Roosevelt followers entertain a hope that something may develop in the convention that will at least bring about an uninstructed delegation.

Columbus W. Lewis Dies in Baltimore

Word has been received in Washington of the death of Columbus Washington Lewis in Baltimore Saturday morning. Mr. Lewis was father of Police Justice James W. Lewis, of Baltimore Halling Police Justice James W. Lewis, of Baltimore Halling Police Justice James W. Lewis, of Baltimore Halling Police Justice James W. Lewis, of Baltimore Justice James W. Lewis, of Baltimore Justice James W. Lewis, of Baltimore Justice James W. Lewis James W. L Mr. Lewis was born in Montgomery and at the age of twenty came to the District of Columbia, where he was engaged in the trucking business for several years. Later he went to Baltimore, where he had been prominently connected in business interests for many years.

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AND HIS MACHINE IS MOST COMPLET

Keystone State Fails to "Put Colonel Out of Business."

PHILADELPHIA, April 15.-With to lay's returns from the field of battle in Saturday's State-wide Presidential preference primaries there is little left to point out but a list of the politically dead and wounded wih which the Penrose camp is strewn. They confirm the early reports of the crushing defeat to the Penrose-Taft forces.

While the Taft managers had boast fully declared they would "put Roose velt out of business" in this State, the Colonel is "in business" today to the

velt out of business" in this State, the Colonel is "in business" today to the tune of fifty-five national delegates as against nine for Taft. Rooseveit State delegates to the number of 259 out of 372 will control the State convention at Harrisburg on May 1. They will elect twelve national delegates-at-large to the Chicago nationar convention, which will bring the Roosevelt total in the State to sixty-seven, against nine accredied to President Taft.

While no complete canvass has been made, returns from almost every county in the State indicate that Gov. Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, has secured every delegate to the Democratic national convention. The twelve Democratic national delegates elected in this city are pledged to Wilson. Eleven of them were elected by the regular Democratic organization and one by the reorganizers. The total Wilson vote here was 10,761, to 1,397 for Clark.

It is apparent that the fight for contrel of the State was bitterly waged between the rival factions of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania. Figures at hand, however, indicate that the Palmer-Guthrie faction has beaten the old Guffy machine and that the party will be reorganized under the new leadership.

Y. W. C. A. TO RAISE \$350,000 FOR HOME

Building to Be Erected at Southeast Corner of Thirteenth and I Streets.

oday, is to be raised by the Young Women's Christian Association, to be used in paying for the property at the southeast corner of Thirteenth and streets northwest, and for erecting home on that site. The association, through a board of trustees, has obtained title to nine lots on that corner, at a cost of \$250,000. An additional \$100,000 is to be raised with which to erect the building. The by-laws of the association pro hibit property being held in the name of the organization. The following trustees have been designated to have the title of the property placed in

their names: John S. Sully, chair

man; William Mearns, Lawrence Lee, A. M. Lothrop, and Mrs. Frank G. Car-penter. Eldridge E. Jordan has been made chairman of the finance com-mittee. It is hoped to raise the en-tire amount within thirty days.

PSYCHOLOGY OF HOUSE DISCUSSED

Congressman Murdock, During Eulogy of Former Member, Tells of Cruelty and Sympathy of the Body.

The psychology of the House of Representatives as a whole, its power of united sympathy and of ruthless cruelty, were touched upon graphically by Congressman Victor Murdock, of Wichita, Kan., in his enlogy of the late Con gressman Madison yesterday afternoon Preliminary to the statement that Judge Madison won the attention of the

House with his first speech, Congressman Murdock sald: "The House is never the sum of individuals who compose it; it is in its aggregate something more, something less, and something quite different. It cems at times as elemental in its emolonal equipment as a child, as quick in tional equipment as a child, as quick in its reactions, as instinctive and as fanciful. If the mood be upon it, the House, in appreciative and responsive attention, can be the most subtly flattering of audiences, and it can be also unspeakably cruel and refined in applying the torture of its indifference. The 3% men, in this ability to listen sympathetically, are as any other audience similar in size; but the

290 men, as an audience that listens for a moment to a new member and rejects the speaker, often without reason, displays a cruelty impossible in any ordinary audience or, indeed, in any one of the individuals present.

"A new member of Congress ordinarily recognizes the capacity of the House for this unconscious cruelty. He is also impressed and oppressed, as a rule, with the thought that the House is highly sensitive to first impressions and tenacious of them, once formed. His whole future, it often seems to him, may be wrecked upon a gingle effort.

"There is, then, an added wreath to the victory of the first speech here when the idle glance the House turns at the sound of a strange voice evolves allowly from curiosity into interest and from interest into easer attention. There are many manifestations in this group of men who congregate under the rule of a reatless and unavailing gavel, but there is none so close to a miraelo as the marvelous slience of the noisy House when its interest commands silence. He who wins that silence by his eloquence, his logic, his information, has won a victory. There is no denying its sweetness."

ALSOP DENIES STORY OF ESTRANGEMENT

Millionaire and His Young Bride Have Returned To Wash-

Edward B. Alsop, millionaire and member of the Metropolitan Club, and his nineteen-year-old bride, formerly Miss Effe Pope Hill, who arrived in Washington last night, joined in denials today that there ever was any es-trangement between them. The rumor that the couple had separated gained currency when Mrs. Alsop left this city for a sanitarium at Litchfield,

Mr. and Mrs. Alsop branded all stories of their estrangement as "absolute bosh." Mr. Alsop explained for the first time the deeding of \$1,000,000 of Pittsburgh real estate to his sons, which transfer caused a renewed rumor that he had practically prevented his wife from inheriting any of his property. "When I married it was understood that I would make provision for my sons, and my wife and I will do so, as any sane man would," said Mr. Alsop today. Mrs. Alsop is still sick and is under the care of a physician.

Bryan Is Ready to Start Ohio Speeches

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 15.—William J. Bryan arrived in Columbus today from New York to begin a series of political speeches which the opponents of Harmon believe will do anything but advance the Ohio governor's candidacy for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

nation.

Mr. Bryan, whose bitter opposition to Governor Harmon's Presidential aspirations is well known, will be heard in Columbus and, in Several other Ohio cities during the week. The Harmon campaign managers, speaking in reference to the Bryan program, declared today they had no fear whatever that anything the Nebraska leader could say in his speeches would injure the governor in the least.

Secular League Meets in Temple

Approval of the orders of Commissioner Valentine, of the Indian Bureau, relative to religious insignia and apparei among Indian tribes was indicated in statements made vesterday afternoo by President Hyland C. Kirk and Secretary John D. Bradley, of the Secular League, which met in Pythian Temple. Amherst W. Barber made an address on Parsee philosophy, and Miss Cors Merriam Powers read two original poems, "The World" and "Immortality of the Soul."

Capt. H. R. Boynton read a shor paper at the beginning of the meeting opposing the general study of the dead languages.

FAMINE SWEEPING CHINESE REPUBLIC

Hundreds Dying Daily and Imme diate Relief Is Imperative To Check Plague.

SHANGHAL China, April 15.—With cut eastern China, it became apparent oday, that unless relief measures of sort are taken the entire new re public will be swept as if by plague, The relief organization will exhaus by April 30 the funds with which it is now endeavoring feebly to combat the

save the starving before the first of The government has no funds to place at the disposal of the relief organization owing to the squabble among the powers over the terms of the loan which the new government is endeavor-

ing to negotiate.

An attempt will be made to obtain funds by public contributions throughout the world. Unless \$300,000 is contributed, 300,000 persons must die.

Importation of Food

Increases Steadily Importations of foodstuffs into the United States, including even potatoes are steadily increasing, according to

statistics from the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Lator.
Imports of fruits and nuts are increasing at the rate of about \$3,000,000 worth a year. Imports of raisins and oranges are falling of owing to home production in the far South and California

fornia.

Two and a half million bushels of potatoes were imported into the United States in February of the present year alone. The total imports of foodstuffs for periods of eight months ending with February, have increased from \$224,000,000 worth in 1911, to \$262,000,000 worth in 1911, to \$262,000,000

Tax Reform Lecture. "Rational Tax Reform" will be the subject of a lecture in the Public Library tonight at 8 o'clock by Charles Frederick Adams, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Woman's Single Tax Club, of Washington.

Money laundering at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is a success. Immediate steps are to be taken by Director Raiph to enlarge the present experimental plant-which has been in operation just one week.

Probably six new machines will be installed in the near future, and the "laundry" will be made a regular division of the big engraving plant.

Lee McClung, Treasurer of the United States, has inspected the plant and the work, and in a report to Secretary MacVeagh said that this laundry would not only give the people better and cleaner currency to handle, but its operation would be a great economy to the Government in that thousands of bills now sent through the macerator can be laundered and returned almost as good as new. famine. There will be no harvest to

NEW MONEY WASHERS

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At Printing and Engraving

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FOR GOVERNMENT

Police Search for Man Missing Since Sunday

Jesse Brown, forty years old, disap-peared from his home, 145 N street northwest, last Sunday morning. Rela-tives appealed to the police today to search for him.

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